

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Applicants respectfully request that the claims be amended so as to read as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic device control system, comprising:
  - data preparation means for preparing operation data and identification data that uniquely identifies ~~corresponding~~   
 ~~to~~ the operation data;
  - an electronic device which carries out processing based on the operation data prepared by said data preparation means; and
  - portable data storage means for receiving the identification data prepared by said data preparation means, said portable data storage means including identification data storage means for storing the identification data, wherein said portable data storage means automatically transmits the identification data stored in said identification data storage means to said electronic device when said portable data storage means approaches said electronic device, and when said electronic device receives the identification data from said portable data storage means, said electronic device carries out the processing based on the operation data uniquely identified by ~~corresponding~~   
 ~~to~~ the identification data.

2. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, further comprising:  
transmitting means for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation means to said electronic device.
3. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 2, wherein:  
said transmitting means is a network which connects at least one data preparation means and at least one electronic device.
4. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:  
said portable data storage means receives the identification data from said data preparation means and transmits the identification data to said electronic device by wireless.
5. (Currently Amended) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:  
said electronic device includes operation data storage means for storing the operation data transmitted from said data preparation means; and  
said electronic device checks the operation data stored in said operation data storage means against the identification data received from said portable data storage means when receiving the identification data, detects the operation data ~~corresponding to~~ uniquely identified by the received identification data, and carries out the processing based on the operation data.

6. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 3 further comprising:

operation data management means, connected to said network, for storing the operation data prepared by said data preparation means and for managing a data output process to output the operation data to said electronic device.

7. (Withdrawn) An electronic device control system comprising:

data preparation means for preparing operation data;  
an electronic device for carrying out processing based on the operation data prepared by said data preparation means; and  
portable data storage means for receiving the operation data prepared by said data preparation means, said portable data storage means including operation data storage means for storing the operation data, wherein said portable data storage means transmits the operation data stored in said operation data storage means to said electronic device, and when said electronic device receives the operation data from said portable data storage means, said electronic device carries out the processing based on the operation data.

8. (Original). The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:  
said electronic device includes display means; and  
said electronic device includes control means which confirms  
the content of the operation data, judges whether or  
not said electronic device has function means for  
performing a selected function required to perform  
an operation based on the operation data, then indicates  
the judgment result on said display means.
9. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7,  
wherein:  
said electronic device includes display means; and  
said electronic device includes control means which  
confirms the content of the operation data,  
judges whether or not said electronic device  
has function means for performing a selected  
function required to perform an operation based  
on the operation data, then indicates the  
judgment result on said display means.

10. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:  
said portable data storage means also stores user  
management identification data, and,  
transmits the user management identification  
data to said electronic device; and  
said electronic device controls to limit the performance  
of an operation by said electronic device based  
on the user management identification data  
received from said portable data storage means.

11. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:  
said portable data storage means also stores user  
management identification data, and transmits  
the user management identification data to said  
electronic device; and  
said electronic device controls to limit the performance  
of an operation by said electronic device based  
on the user management identification data  
received from said portable data storage means.

- 12 (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 10, wherein:  
the user management identification data includes  
data of at least one kind selected from the  
group consisting of department identification  
data identifying the department in which  
said data preparation means for preparing  
operation data is installed, user identification  
data set for each user, and storage means  
identification data set for each portable  
data storage means.
13. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 11, wherein:  
the user management identification data includes data of at  
least one kind selected from the group consisting of  
department identification data identifying the department  
in which said data preparation means for preparing  
operation data is installed, user identification data set  
for each user, and storage means identification data set  
for each portable data storage means.
14. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 10, wherein:  
the user management identification data is registered in  
said portable data storage means in advance.
15. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 11, wherein:  
the user management identification data is registered in said  
portable data storage means in advance.

16. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:  
said electronic device is an image output device, and the  
operation data is print data.
17. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:  
said electronic device is an image output device, and the  
operation data is print data.
18. (Original) The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:  
said data preparation means is a personal computer.
19. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:  
said data preparation means is a personal computer.
20. (Currently Amended) The electronic device control system of claim 1,  
wherein:  
said portable data storage means includes at least  
one element selected from the group consisting of a  
portable phone and a portable information  
processing terminal.

21. (Withdrawn) The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:  
said portable data storage means includes at least one  
element selected from the group consisting of a  
portable phone, a portable information processing  
terminal, and a card-type information recording medium.

22. (Currently Amended) A portable data storage device comprising:  
a receiving section for receiving identification data from a  
data preparation device which prepares operation  
data to control the operation of an electronic  
device and identification data ~~corresponding to~~  
that uniquely identifies the operation data,  
storage means for storing the identification data; and  
a transmitting section for, upon receipt of the identification  
data, automatically transmitting the identification  
data stored in said storage means to said electronic  
device when said portable data storage means  
approaches said electronic device which carries out  
the processing based on the operation data  
~~corresponding to~~ uniquely identified by the received  
identification data.



23. (Withdrawn) A portable data storage device comprising:
- a receiving section for receiving operation data prepared by a data preparation device from said data preparation device;
  - storage means for storing the operation data; and
  - a transmitting section for, upon receipt of the operation data, transmitting the operation data stored in said storage means to said electronic device which carries out the processing based on the operation data.
24. (Currently Amended) A data preparation device, comprising:
- a data preparation section for preparing operation data to control the operation of an electronic device and identification data ~~corresponding to~~ that uniquely identifies the operation data;
  - an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to said electronic device;
  - an identification data transmitting section for transmitting identification data prepared by said data preparation section to a portable data storage device which stores the received identification data and automatically transmits the stored identification data to said electronic device when said portable data storage means approaches said electronic device,
- wherein said electronic device, upon receipt of the identification data from said portable data storage device, performs an operation based on the operation data ~~corresponding to~~ uniquely identified by the received identification data, selected among a plurality of operation data received from said operation data transmitting section.

25. (Withdrawn) A data preparation device comprising:

- a data preparation section for preparing operation data to control the operation of an electronic device;
- an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to said electronic device;
- an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to a portable data storage device which has functions to store the received operation data and transmit the stored operation data to said electronic device,

wherein said electronic device, upon receipt of the operation data from said portable data storage device, performs an operation based on the operation data.

26. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:

- an operation data receiving section for receiving operation data from a data preparation device which prepares the operation data and identification data ~~corresponding to~~ that uniquely identifies the operation data;
- an identification data receiving section for receiving the identification data transmitted automatically from a portable data storage device when the portable data storage means approaches said electronic device, the identification data receiving section having a function to store the identification data received from said data preparation device; and

an operation section for performing an operation based on the operation data which is received by said operation receiving section and ~~corresponds to~~ is uniquely identified by the identification data received by said identification data receiving section.

27. (Withdrawn) An electronic device comprising:

a receiving section for receiving operation data from a portable data storage device which has a function to store the operation data received from said data preparation device which prepares the operation data; and

an operation section for performing an operation based on the operation data received by said receiving section.

28. (Withdrawn) An operation data management device comprising:

data storage means for storing operation data received via a network from a data preparation device which prepares the operation data controlling the operation of an electronic device; and

management means for managing a data output process to output the operation data stored in said data storage means to a plurality of electronic devices connected via the network.